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Government gives up on faster broadband for all due to cost

PLANS to deliver superfast broadband to the "final five per cent" of the country, which includes rural villages such as Upottery, have been abandoned as too expensive.

Ministers have ruled out a multi-million pound programme to connect around one million premises that are set to miss out - arguing it would not "represent value for money".

Superfast speeds are on course to reach 95 per cent of the UK by the end of next year and trials were set up to find ways to plug the gaps.

A year ago, then-Culture Secretary Sajid Javid acknowledged that reaching the "final five per cent" - mainly homes and businesses in remote rural areas - would be "challenging".

But he said: "The benefits of superfast broadband are clear from increasing productivity and economic growth to transforming family entertainment at home.

"We hope to find ways in which those benefits can be brought to even more people."

Now those one million premises will be forced to settle for a maximum speed of 10 Megabits per second (Mbps) - far short of the 24Mbps that qualifies as "superfast".

David Cameron has vowed to introduce a legal right to demand 10Mbps, a "universal service obligation" (USO) to put broadband on the same footing as other essential utilities, such as electricity and water.

A consultation document for the USO argues it is "unlikely" that most people in remote areas will want speeds of 24Mbps "even if that option is made available to them".

And it states: "So we do not believe that an additional broadband roll-out programme at this time is proportionate or would represent value for money."

The decision was condemned by a leading campaigner for better rural broadband, who accused ministers of settling for "rural digital apartheid".

Graham Long, chairman of Broadband for Rural Devon and Somerset, said: "Businesses moving out of rural areas here in Devon and Somerset because they cannot keep their website - their shop window - up to date.

"It will be even worse if the only have 10Mbps in 2020, because the need for better bandwidth will have grown by then now that we have cloud computing and other shared applications."

In some areas - of East Yorkshire, Devon, Cumbria and The Cotswolds, for example - more than one fifth of premises could be stuck with the

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Pub regulars get on their bikes for charity

REGULARS at the York Inn, Churchinford, are teaming up to take part in a charity cycle ride to raise money for a cancer charity.

On September 11th, 28 villagers and regulars from the York Inn will be joining landlord Paul Thomas on the 58 mile London to Brighton Bike Ride in aid of Bike4cancer, which is a charity that arranges hospice and respite care for both cancer sufferers and their families.

Mr Thomas said: "The idea first started when I was out cycling with one of our customers and whilst chatting we discussed that we had both been through chemotherapy and that it would be good to give something back.

"From two of us having an idle chat we now have 28 all signed up and in training for the event and we have completed our first team session.

"Our biggest headache is transport for the riders and bikes, we will be looking for possibly three mini buses and a high sided van which hopefully we can get all the bikes in. If anyone has any contacts or wishes to help then please can they get in touch?"

The team have currently raised almost £800. If you wish to support them visit http://www.bike4cancer.org/l2b-2016-team-york.

TEAM York will be riding the London to Brighton Bike Ride for Bike4Cancer

Community stalwart honoured with award

A CHURCHINFORD woman has been presented with a Citizenship Award by Taunton Deane Borough Council.

Sylvia Pike has lived in Churchinford all her life and has a long record of service to the community, following in her father's footsteps.

Examples of Mrs Pike's community work includes organising village dances and running the village children's Christmas party. She also spent many years providing teas and refreshments at the cricket club, which was reflected in a street party she organised for the Queen's Golden Jubilee, which stretched the whole length of the village.

Her last formal role was to manage the bookings for the village hall, from which she has recently retired.

In recognition of her commitment and hard work, Mrs Pike was presented with a Taunton Deane Citizenship Award by the Mayor of Taunton Deane, Vivienne Stock-Williams (pictured below).

Volunteers publish WWI project

HISTORY enthusiasts who have been busy compiling information on the men of Stockland who fought in WWI, have published their findings in a booklet which can now be found in the village church.

Bryan Drew and Charles Holme have been researching the stories of the men of Stockland who fought in the First World War, 1914-19. Their research complete, the final draft of the document is now available and will be printed out and kept in the village church, St Michael and All Angels, Stockland.

The information is also available to view online at http://www.stockland.org.uk/WW1

Mr Holme said: "We began this exercise by copying the list of names from the church war memorial. We then went to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission website to draw up shortlists of candidate records that might fit with local names.

"There were some false starts and a few blind alleys, but having trawled through census returns, parish records, Army records and local newspaper archives, as well as some other sources, we were able to compile at least a basic record about the men who died and varying amounts of data on the men who returned alive.

"Only a few names had any current local connections but we were able to contact a few families to get some old photos which we reproduced with permission.

"The end result was a 75 page document. Hard copies were sent to the Devon Archive Office and to Stockland Church with the e-version uploaded onto the Stockland website, where it has had more hits than any other section, especially from the USA."

The booklet details information on the 25 men from the village who died during the Great War, as well as the 32 men who fought and survived.

FRIDAY, June 18th 1915. The Route March of the 3rd Battalion of The Devonshire Regiment

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Buckland Primary opens new nursery

LORRAINE Davie cuts the ribbon to the new nursery, with children Jessica Slade, Ruby Rich, Kieron Whitelaw and Dennis Gilbert *Photo by STEVE MONK*

A NEW facility was formally opened and celebrated at Buckland St Mary Primary School, near Chard, on Friday, May 13th.

A former barn has been converted into a brand new nursery to replace a tired, temporary classroom.

The youngest children now have better access to the outdoors, access to technology and more opportunities to interact with the rest of the school.

Head of School Steve Morton said: "Our youngest children can now enjoy a purpose built space which is in keeping with its surroundings but also offering all the technology and space needed for high quality care and creative learning.

"I would like to thank the school community for their support and patience during the construction and I think that you will agree it looks amazing."

Bell ringers needed

A PLEA has gone out for poeple to sign up and become bell ringers at St Mary's Church, Hemyock.

A spokesperson for the group said: "The bells date back hundreds of years and are in danger of becoming silent as there are simply not enough ringers.

"Anyone who is interested needs to note that they do not have to be particularly strong, young or even religious to be involved, and you don't have to ring every Sunday."

Further details are available from the Captain of the Tower, Linda Holway on 01823 681522.

Church auction of promises raises £1,000

MORE than £1,000 profit was made an an evening auction of promises held at Hemyock Parish hall.

Organised by the Friends of St Mary's, Curch, with Ron White as auctioneer, the evening saw more than 60 lots go under the hammer.

Promises of food and drink, gardening, floral arrangements, day trips, family history research, accommodation in a camping barn and vouchers were among the goods on offer and were soon snapped up with a number of lots attracting competitive bidding.

Coffee, tea and wine along with light refreshments were then enjoyed by those present.

Council helps keep bus service

DEVON County Council has stepped in to secure the continuation of a rural bus service connecting East Devon and the Blackdown Hills AONBs.

Service 20, which travels from Seaton through Honiton and Taunton will undergo minor changes to its route from Monday, July 25th.

Following Somerset County Council's withdrawal of its share of the subsidy for Service 20, Devon County Council has provided an additional £18,700 to keep the modified service running.

However, the service, which is operated by Stagecoach, will no longer stop at West Buckland and the last bus of the day will terminate at Culmstock rather than Taunton.

Councillor Stuart Hughes, Devon County Council Cabinet Member for Highway Management, said: "The subsidies from Devon for these services will enable the continuation of these important links and we recognise how highly they're valued by Devon residents. These services now rely exclusively on subsidies from Devon County Council.

"We have had to make minor changes to Service 20 but that has ensured it is cost effective for Devon."

Councillor Sara Randall Johnson, Devon County Councillor for Honiton St Michael's, said: "Local residents and I welcome Devon County Council's commitment to keeping this service on the road. I am worried for the long term future, if we are unable to attract fare paying passengers in larger numbers. The bus company needs to help encourage these vital fare paying passengers to really establish this much needed service for our concessionary bus pass residents and visitors."

Skydivers needed to break world record

LOCAL, national and international charities are looking for fundraisers to break the Guinness World Record for "The most tandem skydives in 24 hours".

The record attempt will take place at Skydive Buzz Ltd, Dunkeswell Airfield, on Monday, June 20th.

Skydive Buzz Ltd (previously known as Skydive UK Ltd) previously set the record with 281 tandem jumps in 24 hours in June 2014.

Since then the record has been beaten.

Four hundred and four people are now needed to beat the current world record (403).

There are still spaces available and more participants required. For more information and to book, contact 01404 890 222.

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Blackdowns clubs and organisations

Clayhidon Friends

THE evening was a fascinating education in driftwood, charmingly presented by Emma Duke, an artist who creates sculptures in wood which she collects from Somerset's beaches.

Emma brought many beautiful pieces of wood with her which she used to describe the three sources of driftwood: the streams and rivers of Exmoor and the Quantocks which eventually give up their fallen trees to the sea, the numerous shipwrecks of the Bristol Channel from centuries ago, and off-cuts of wood lost from boatyards along the coast.

Members also learnt about the shipworm, a shell-less mollusc, which is responsible for ruining ships as they bore into the wood, but also produces interestingly carved driftwood, which Emma is always pleased to find.

Emma left her career in the retail world in 2009 and began her business in sculptures. She also creates lovely gift items, and paints pictures of animals in acrylics, some of which she uses in her greetings card range.

Samford Arundel WI

THE Royal School for the Blind, started 217 years ago, has now been renamed 'Seeabilty' and their Wellington premises, Fiennes House, is truly the caring jewel in Wellington's crown.

Andrea Lane told Sampford Arundel WI members of the vital work that is done there in allowing the residents to live life to their fullest 'beyond their disability' - many have other difficulties as well as vision impairment.

Andrea praised the volunteers as well as the paid employees, and also paid tribute to groups such as rotary who have provided extra amenities.

Andrea allowed members to wear spectacles which showed what the types of sight problems were really like.

The activities in which members are involved seem to be growing, from the more serious -WI group business and Parish Council meetings and a 'litter pick' - and now they have the Village Flower Show on July 16th, and a village celebration for the Queen's birthday on June 12th - in addition.

Visits to Kew gardens and Kia-Ora, in Cullompton are coming up for the gardeners among members and friends.

The Annual Meeting passed smoothly - Kay will continue as president for one more year; two committee members are standing down after many years of sterling work, and two others are taking their places.

The accounts showed they'd spent £56 more this year, but were in a healthy state.

Membership continues to increase, with full meetings and more activities beyond the monthly get-together.

Hemyock WI

HEMYOCK WI sausage and mash lunch

THE Hemyock WI Sausage and Mash lunch has enabled another bursary to be given to a member to help with the cost of a visit to Denman College in Oxfordshire. The skittles match against Bishops wood ladies was won by Hemyock WI.

The speaker at the May meeting was Heidi Lyon who spoke about her work blind children, from birth until the age of 25.

Heidi finds the job so rewarding that she thinks she has the best job in the world. She helps with orientation and independent living.

Heidi judged the vases and awarded first place to Julie followed by Janet and Karen.

Annette's anemone was voted the favourite flower.

On June 7th members will learn about 'From Farm to Fork' with the help of a visit to a Tesco store. Meet at the car park of the Parish Hall at 7pm. In July it is back in Forbes Lounge for a demonstration of Cathedral Window Patchwork.

Bring along scissors, needles and cotton if you want to have a go.

There will be a competition for a knitted scarf. Bring along a flower as well.

The reading group and the lunch club meet regularly. Anyone interested should phone president Lyn Taylor on 01823 680104.

Blackdown Hills Transition Group

THE Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Bumblebee Conservation Trust recently wrote an excellent article in their members' newsletter "Buzzword".

He describes the activity of a partnership of 20 public sector organisations, all with an interest in environmental protection going under the title of "Living with Environmental Change" (LWEC).

These organisations have come together in a partnership to undertake what must be one of the UK's largest environmental research programmes. Its aim is to provide decision-makers in government, business and society with the knowledge, foresight and tools to mitigate, adapt to and benefit from environmental change.

LWEC have produced a series of Policy and Practice Notes on a wide number of subjects about meeting the challenges to our environment of climate change, population growth and the need to change our consumption patterns to preserve resources and create sustainable practices to protect future generations.

The Practice Notes range from targeting specific audiences to general advice for us all. All are easy to read and contain good advice.

A number of these Practice Notes are particularly relevant to us in the rural communities of the Blackdown Hills about strong commitment to managing farm landscapes, of crop rotation, protecting and encouraging pollinators and advice on sustainable consumption.

The latest Practice Note I particularly liked is entitled "Gardening Sustainably For The Future" presenting evidence of the importance of gardening to individuals and society generally. It provides advice to individuals and the horticultural supply businesses on how all involved can move to more sustainable gardening by encouraging biodiversity, using natural fertilisers and growing native pollinator friendly plants and produce.

You can access these notes on the LWEC webpages: http://www.nerc.ac.uk/research/partnerships/lwec/products/ppn/

Blackdown Hills Transition and Honiton Transition Group also hosts "View and Chew" every third Thursday of the month at the Beehive Centre Dowell Street, Honiton. There is an opportunity to view the film and have a discussion with others about the issues raised. The cafe/bar is open for drinks and snacks from 6.30pm.

Further information available from Tim Clewer 07701053491 t.clewer@gmail.com.

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Blackdown Hills Woodland Associatioin

Spring is here and it's time to get on the land

THE Bluebells are up, the vegetables in the garden are up, and first cut silage is in progress - spring is here, and, although the ground is still wet in places, we can at last get on the land.

We have finished our tree planting for this year. We make a point of planting 50 trees a year and have done for more than 20 years. As a Woodland Trust Volunteer I am asked to monitor planting sites were the trust has funded them, some good and some not so good, but some exceptional.

Two factors make a good planting; firstly the correct place for the species you are planting, and secondly, maintenance - there is no point in planting trees if you are not going to commit yourself to at least five years of weeding, and tube clearing.

If planting where there are deer, 1.2metre tubes should be used were roe are, and extending to 2metres were red are, as once the "leader" has been damaged the tree will only ever be a bush.

The saying about the leaves coming out on ash and oak (ash before oak we're in for a soak, oak before ash were in for a splash) well certainly the oak is first this year by a mile, as I am writing this (mid May) the ash in our woods is only just leafing up while the oak is nearly fully leafed up.

I am not sure what this means, but any tree has to make the best of the growing season, so the earlier they start the better.

There was certainly an abundance of seed from all trees last autumn, as can be seen if you look closely at the woodland floor, a huge amount of saplings have popped their heads up.

If you want to transplant them to another area of your wood, don't dig them up now, but mark them with a stick (or I use a fencing stake) and transplant in November or December and make sure you take a large amount of the soil as well.

Also make sure it's not damaged and tube it.

I don't use the tree stakes you get from a nursery, as within a couple of years the deer will have snapped them off, so I use two or three Mole Valley type fencing stakes, which can be reused when the trees are ready to "go solo"

Changing the subject slightly to litter, I really can't understand why people throw litter out of their cars or fly tip in such beautiful countryside as we have on the Blackdowns.

We had a constant menace fly tipping in one of our gate ways so I put up one of those wildlife cameras, and caught him bang to rights and luckily it caught the registration of the vehicle, so we gave it to our PCSO and he was prosecuted.

Our parish council is now doing its own litter picking with the help of volunteers, which has been very successful in tidying up our roads, some litter picked is more than five-years-old!

By John Greenshields

Final 'five per cent' to miss out on Superfast broadband

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legal minimum of 10Mbps.

The Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) has now argued, in its consultation, that a broadband speed of 10Mbps "enables full participation in our digital society".

It allows "watching video on demand, listening to internet radio or streamed music, using social media, accessing Government services, shopping online and working from home", the consultation states.

A spokesman said around £250million to be clawed back from existing broadband supplier BT would pay to push the proportion of the country with superfast coverage a little higher than 95 per cent.

And he defended the decision, saying: "At the present time, we can't realistically deliver a further programme that would represent value for money."

SARAH Smith, Hospiscare community manager, receiving a £1,000 cheque from the Luppitt Players

Pantomime cast raise £1,000 for new hospice

THE cast of Luppitt Players' pantomime "Knight Fever!" has raised £1,000 for Kings House Hospice in Honiton.

As a thank you, Sarah Smith, Hospiscare community manager, showed the group around Kings House – the £1.2million day hospice, which recently celebrated its first birthday.

Steve Berry, director of the Luppitt Players, said: "We enjoyed our tour of Kings House and it's fair to say we all came away very impressed with the wonderful state-of- the-art facilities.

"My personal impression was one of peace and relaxation which is very important for anybody who is trying to cope with illness.

"We chose to support Hospiscare and Kings House in particular as we felt it is a very worthwhile cause and close to all our hearts in one way or another.

"I'd like to extend our thanks to the staff and volunteers for being so kind and informative when we visited.

"I felt I had known them for years which made the whole experience so much more enjoyable, it was informative and fun."

Janice calls it a day

THE spring concert given by Hemyock Singers proved to be particularly emotional for one member, who was retiring after 45 years and who was the only original member still involved with the group.

Jaince Bawler, who was presented with a bouquet by chairman Chris Hudson, was a member of the village Leisure Centre Music Group formed in 1971 from which singers evolved.

It began as a music appreciation meeting with members taking favourite records to play and then discuss.

By 1975 the group progressed to a full stage production of HMS Pinafore followed by other Gilbert and Sullivan operettas.

1984 saw another change as the group became the Hemyock Singers and full stage shows under various musical directors became an annual village event. Over the years productions have included a wide variety of musicals including My Fair Lady, Fiddler On The Roof, Annie get Your Gun, Finian's Rainbow, La Belle Helene, Scrooge, The Wizard of Oz, Wind in the Willows and Calamity Jane. Choral concerts and other events have also been part of Hemyock Singers commitment to bringing music to the village and surrounding area.

As well as taking part in most productions, Mrs Bawler has been a long term committee member holding the office of secretary and then chairman for 16 years.

"The past 45 years with the group have given me so many happy memories," said Mrs Bawler.

JANICE Bawler retires from the Hemyock Singers after 45 years

"There have been ups and downs, last minute panics and loss of voices just before a concert.

"My only reason for leaving the group, who now only give choral performances, is a severe hearing loss, and of course many friends have passed away. I am sure once the rehearsals begin for the group's Christmas concert I will have a few moments of regret, but nothing can take away the joy and memories Hemyock Singers has given me and I wish them well for the future."

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Fun on the farm

STOCKLAND and Yarcombe Pre-schoolers enjoy a trip to a local farm

The children of Stockland and Yarcombe pre-school have had a busy few months enjoying a whole host of fun activities.

They had a wonderful time visiting some new lambs on a nearby farm last term and also completed a sponsored beach walk for Sport Relief at Seaton beach, which raised an impressive £124.50.

The pre-school has recently enlisted the help of professional sports coach Dan Murnane to implement the Leap Ahead scheme every Wednesday morning. The programme develops eye-hand co-ordination, large muscle movement, balance and rhythm. It is hoped that the scheme will have huge benefits for the children's development and it also aims to encourage future participation in sport from a young age.

The children will be focussing on the theme of different occupations this term and will be enjoying a visit from some local police officers and a nurse as well as another trip out to a farm.

As a registered charity the dedicated volunteers who form the committee are always looking for ways to raise money and we would like to appeal to anyone who has any unwanted clothes, shoes or handbags to donate these to pre-school for a Bags 2 School fundraising event which will be held in July.

Special bags can be collected from the pre-school at Stockland Victory hall from June 6th and the bags will need to be brought back to pre-school on or before Friday, July 1st when they will be collected.

A spokesperson for the pre-school said: "The pre-school will be given money based on the weight of the bags collected so please have a look in your wardrobes and drawers and see if you can help us out."

... and spring has sprung at Culmstock Pre School

Tina Walters at The Gardeners Nursery, Uffculme, visited Culmstock Pre-school at the beginning of the summer term armed with plants to plant with the children.

The children planted lettuce, beans, radishes, spring onions and peas in the pre-school garden and learnt about how to care for them over the coming months.

They will harvest their crops during the final weeks of the summer term and enjoy them as healthy snacks during their pre-school day.

Also making the most of spring, outdoor activities are continued through regular Forest School sessions during this term.

Culmstock Pre-school has been established for nearly 40 years and is set within the Methodist Church in the centre of the village.

A pres chool spokesperson said: "The small session groups of 10 children allow us to create a caring and nurturing home from home environment with our five dedicated members of staff.

"We are currently taking admissions for the autumn term. If you live in Culmstock or the surrounding area, have a child approaching three and are interested in visiting the pre-school, please contact Jane on 01884 849332 or visit our website www.culmstock-preschool.org.uk.

Pictured are children planting i nthe pre-school garden

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The Eighth annual Ashill Beer & Music Festival

This year the eighth annual Ashill Beer & Music Festival is to be held on Friday 10th and Saturday 11th June at The Ashill Village Hall located about 1mile from the village of Uffculme. From the first festival in 2009 the event has gone from strength to strength drawing real ale and music lovers from far and wide. The festival is organised by local volunteers and is a fund raiser for the local village hall all profits from entry and beer sales going directly to hall projects. It is very much a family orientated weekend with plenty of space for the kids if you want to bring them along. Food is being provided by Cullompton's quality butchers Veyseys, Stinky Vintage and Go Local. In addition to Ales and Ciders, soft drinks and standard bar drinks are also available. Admission is £5 per person per day or £8 for a two day pass and includes a festival glass, under 18's are free.

On Friday 6pm - midnight, music will be provided by Blue Room Baboons and Eat The Rich and on Saturday 2pm - midnight, by Marnie, The Native, Delta 88, Hundred Faces and The Thorvertones.

There is plenty of under cover marquee space, so no matter what the weather deals out you can be assured of a great weekend, so get along and experience some quality Ashill hospitality. If you need any further information contact the Beer & Music Festival organisers via their "Ashill Beer and Music Festival 2016" Facebook site.

Axe Vale Festival - a date worth keeping

25th & 26th June 2016

AT this family friendly festival you will find much to keep everyone entertained and inspired.

For enthusiastic gardeners, the impressive floral marquee full of colour and scents will feed your creative side and the numerous stalls selling plants will get your green fingers itching to get into those gardening gloves!

There is plenty more to keep you smiling - crafts of great variety, skill and ingenuity, toys and hobbies including many nostalgic exhibits, art, antiques and collectables. A number of craftsmen will be demonstrating their skills, many of them traditional, throughout the day and of course the day would not be complete without a visit to the mouth-watering food marquee!

The main arena is host to an exciting programme of events guaranteed to thrill and entertain – this year we have Adrenaline Tour and Rockwood Dogs already booked ready to 'wow' the crowds. Adrenaline Tour will perform an awesome show of Quad and Motorcycle stunt riding starring Jason Smyth. Rockwood Dogs will amaze with their courage, agility comedy routines and tricks too! There will be lots more to cheer throughout the day as the arena programme is finalised.

Bookings for exhibitor space are coming in thick and fast with the return of firm favourites as well as new exhibitors keen to showcase their wares.

Children are well looked after too with lots of activities (and ice cream of course!) to make their day. So with everyone happy, you can rest and enjoy live music while you soak in the atmosphere of this great annual show.

Axe Vale Festival takes place at The Showground, Trafalgar Way, Axminster. Admission: Adults £9, under 16's £2, under 5's free. In advance: Adults: £7.50 Children: £1.50 Tickets can be purchased online through the website. Reduced rates for group bookings. Coach parties welcome.

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The Countryside Arena has huskies, hawks, ferrets, owls and so much more! Demonstrations and static displays going on all day. Pygmy goats, guinea pigs and poulty are all on show. And don't forget all the trade and craft stands where you can browse and "shop until you drop"!

Main ring entertainment includes Jamie Squibb – motorcycle stunt rider - taking star place. And the heavy horses and driving classes are a sight to behold. If you're feeling adventurous you can even have a go at scaling the climbing wall or why not try slacklining?!

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Blackdown Beer Festival 20th Anniversary

THE 20th anniversary party for The Blackdown Hills Beer & Music Festival will be held on Friday August 12th & Saturday August 13th 2016 at Cherry Hayes Farm, Smeatharpe, Nr Honiton.

Set in the beautiful surroundings of the Blackdown Hills on the Devon and Somerset border you will see Friday night open at 6pm where we will be welcoming you to sample our 40 plus different ales and a selection of ciders together with our friends at Tricky Cider who's very popular traditional cider will be on offer. Wine and lager are also on offer if you are shy of the ale.

We are pleased to say that the Music line up is starting to look fantastic!

The headliners are Mad Dog Mcrea – not to be missed!! Also playing are FILTA and Man from Funkle. Full details are being updated on the website.

Saturday afternoon will see activities for the kids, which is free for them and if you are a big kid then we're sure you will love it too.

Then from 6pm on Saturday we challenge you to come and tame the Blackdown Rodeo Bull. The record is 180 second's, there is a prize for the winner and a place for them in our hall of fame on the beer festival website.

We will have lots of food on offer including the Blackdown banger which is very locally produced and a wood fired free range hog roast. Jane's legendary Veggie curry will also be on offer.

Last year the Beer & Music Festival was a huge success and we received some very positive feedback from our Festival goers.

The festival, now in it's 20th year is an annual local event to be added to your calendar.

Each year the Festival gives grants for music teaching to our local schools. Without these grants, music would inevitably come very low down on the list of priorities for small schools on a tight budget, and many children might never have the chance to find out what they can do! We also support community groups such as Blackdown Samba, the local youth group.

Over the years we have raised more than £70,000 to support music making and education in the Blackdown's.

Incredibly the Ticket prices have remained low for several years now so please come along and show your support and try a few different drinks and enjoy the music. Tickets can be bought online at the Blackdown Beer Festival website.

Camping is available nearby with a breakfast bar onsite. U14's can camp for and get free entry to the Festival with an adult. The camp site opens at 2.30pm on Friday 12th.

Full details can be found on the Beer Fest website which is www.blackdownbeerfestival.co.uk and you can keep up-to date by clicking "like" on the Facebook page, or follow us on Twitter, @BHBAMF

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Get out and discover nature in the Blackdowns this half term

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BECOME the "Sherlock Holmes of mini beasts" for the day at the Blackdown Hills Wildlife Discovery day.

Get your wellies on and help uncover the wildlife that lives at the beautiful Tracey Estate Parkland and Gardens near Honiton.

The free event is back for a second year on Wednesday, June 1st as part of the Heritage Lottery Fund supported Blackdown Hills Natural Futures project.

James Maben, BHNF Project Manager said: "We are really excited about this year's event which forms part of the AONB's 25th Anniversary celebrations.

"We have some great activities on offer and it's a perfect opportunity for families to get outdoors and close to nature during the Half Term break.

"Join us in the search for birds and butterflies and learn to identify trees, plants and wildflowers and bring wellies to help search the river for freshwater bugs"

A host of wildlife experts will be on hand offering people identification tips and opportunities to see wildlife up close.

See colourful moths caught in the moth traps, learn about bats and observe small mammals and reptiles up close.

A great free day out for all the family and a unique opportunity to explore the historic Tracey Estate parkland and gardens, the Blackdown Hills Wildlife Discovery day is suitable for all ages (children must be supervised), and will be open from 10.30am to 3.30pm. Cakes and refreshments will be available.

Try your luck with a duck!

THE Great Chardstock Duck Race returns on Sunday, June 5th.

Summer must be on the way because it's time to start thinking about summery delights such as The Great Chardstock Duck Race.

Last year's race was a wonderful day, and more than £500 was raised for good causes.

This family event, for children of all ages, will take place on Sunday, June 5th at 12noon, when the ducks will be released from Mill Bridge on the River Kit in Chardstock.

The first ones to "swim" past Kit Bridge will win a prize.

A BBQ will be available at Kit Bridge.

Ducks can be bought for £1, from Chardstock Stores and Post Office or on the day - but there are only 500 available so buy yours early.

This year there will also be some "rare breeds" taking part in the race and we invite bids for these ducks via the Facebook page (Chardstock Street Fayre).

Successful bidders will be able to keep their special" ducks after the race.

For further details, or offers of help with the event, contact Graham Vyse on 01460 220280 or email: gvyse@btinternet.com.

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